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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical and translational errors. The replacement drawing submitted herewith also serves to correct a typographical error. Support for the amendment to the drawing can be found on page 15, lines 1 - 4 of the specification. No new matter is added by these amendments.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

In the Action, claims 1-24 were made subject to a four-way restriction requirement. The claims were restricted in the Action into the following groups:

I - Claims 1 - 8 drawn to a method of bonding substrates with a correction movement, classified in class 156, subclass 64;

II - Claims 9 - 13 drawn to a device for bonding substrates utilizing correction movements, classified in class 156, subclass 358;

III - Claims 14 - 18, drawn to a device for bonding substrates utilizing an elastic member, classified in class 156, subclass 358;

IV - Claims 19 - 24, drawn to a method of bonding substrates involving the detection of elastic deformation, classified in class 156, subclass 64.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. However, in order to advance prosecution of the Application, Applicant elects Group II, corresponding to claims 9 - 13, for examination on the merits, subject to the below remarks.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which include Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2. In Fig. 2, "To first driving source" has been changed to "To second driving source."

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Claims 1 - 8 (Group I) are drawn to a method of bonding substrates with a correction movement, classified in class 156, subclass 64. Claims 9 - 13 (Group II) are drawn to a device for bonding substrates utilizing correction movements, classified in class 156, subclass 358. Claims 14 - 18 (Group III) are drawn to a device for bonding substrates utilizing an elastic member, classified in class 156, subclass 358. Claims 19 - 24 (Group IV) are drawn to a method of bonding substrates involving the detection of elastic deformation, classified in class 156, subclass 64.

A restriction requirement based on distinction is proper if the inventions are distinct and a serious burden on the Examiner exists in examining the application. Applicant respectfully submits that no serious burden exists in examining all of the claims in the application. The inventions of claim groups I - IV, as separated by the Examiner, are so inter-related as to require a same field of search. All of the groups belong to the same class, groups I and IV; and II and III even share the same subclass. Consequently, no serious burden exists. As such, examination of all of the pending claims together would be more efficient than separating the claims for examination in different applications.

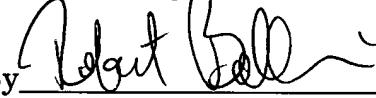
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the pending claims. If for any

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reason the Examiner believes that an interview, either telephonically or in person, would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange an interview.

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